

**Minutes for:
Mid-City Local Human Rights Committee
April 23, 2012**

LHRS members:

**Latonia Edmonds, Chair
Faye Joseph, Vice Chair
Kathy Brobst, Committee Member**

Stewart Prost, Advocate, Office of Human Rights

Staff & Programs:

Rhonda Taylor-Dubie's Love Residential Services
Natasha Fedyszyn-Carr, The Up Center (Sponsored Placements-Adult, Day Program, Sponsored Placement-Children (Temp)
Karen Bailey, The Up Center. In-Home Services, Mental Health Support.
Jay P. Gonzalez; Roger Alston; Prosperity Homes, Inc.
Gregory Ash; Restorer of Broken Walls
Betty Gray-Henson; Alternative Family Treatment Services Inc.
Kewania Curney-VA institute for People with Disabilities
Cyleta Baylor-Caring Hands and Supplementary Enrichment Education S.E.E. LLC of Virginia
Richard Coleman-Urban Learning Leadership Center
T.W. Newmann and Associates
Faith Foundations

Meeting Convened at 3:00 p.m. by Ms. Latonia Edmonds, Committee Chairperson
The minutes from the last meeting (1/23/2012) were approved.

Program Reports:

Virginia Institute for People with Disabilities - no incidents or allegations to report, 4 clients
T.W. Neumann & Associates- no incident allegations, 100 clients
Community Solutions- No report or representative present.
Restorer of Broken Walls-no incidents or allegations to report, 24 clients.
AJ & T Independent Group Homes- 13 clients, 2 incident of neglect to be discussed in closed session.
Prosperity Homes, Inc.- 9 – no incident/accidents.
Alternative Family Treatment Services-no incidents or allegations to report-Census: 10 (new address given)
The Up Center In Home Services-no incidents or allegations to report –24 IHH and 27MHI
Urban Learning and Leadership Center-no incidents & no allegations to report; census 6
Cook Community Support- no incidents & no allegations to report-Census 4
Dubie's Love- no incident/accidents census 3
Caring Hands and Supplementary Enrichment Education LLC of Virginia-no incidents or allegations to report; Census: 3
The Faith Foundation- Census: 2
The Up Center Family Life Sponsored Homes- no incidents/accidents. 69 family life; 14 day support
Talk Family of Virginia- Absent and no report

New Business:

Alternative Family Treatment Services documented a change of address to their agency. The address is in possession of the committee.

Mr. Prost stated the importance of when an address change occurs to notify his office by email as soon as possible and that a change of addresses is different that an additional location which needs to be registered with licensure and received new affiliation with human rights.

Program requesting permanent affiliation with Mid-City LHRC:

Caring Hands and Supplementary Enrichment Education LLC of Virginia –a closed session for 1 of their Sponsored Homes: The address are in possession of the committee to protect the privacy of individuals placed in those homes.

Report from the Advocate:

The additional position for the office in Williamsburg was recently filled by Ms. Rhodes is about to be vacant soon. The plan is have 7 additional advocates in the state, specifically to handle the Intellectually Disabled population. The increased coverage is due to the discharge from Southeast training center and the other state facilities for ID adults that will be either reduced in size or closed. This will happen over the next 8 years. 4100 more ID waiver slots will be added to accommodate the shift from a residential facility to being in the community. There will also be additional DD waivers as well. The increase of advocates in the Commonwealth will increase site visits, especially for ID population.

Regarding the quarterly reports, make sure they are sent in 2 weeks in advanced, not only to the advocate, but to the Human Rights committee. If there are no incidents/allegations on the report, it may be emailed, but if there is a report with an allegation or incident, for confidentiality, it must be faxed, not emailed.

Again, for notification of change of address, notify Human Rights and Licensure. Any additional service has to have affiliation to move forward. Here is what is needed 1)Develop Human Rights Policies 2) Submit to Margret Walsh 3) She will send a letter

verifying. 4) Contact licensure affiliate. 5) Send HR and Behavior Management policy and Letter from Ms. Walsh to this Human Rights committee meeting.

As a result of sharing the need for new committee members, there is now 2 applications for committee members, a consumer and a generalist.

With no further business the open meeting went into closed session for Caring Homes.

Next Mid-City Session, July 23, 2012 at The Up Center, 222 W. 19th Street, Norfolk.

This was approved on July 23, 2012 Human Rights Meeting.